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DEPARTMENT FOR AF/C AND EUR/NE

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PREL, PHUM, PREF, MOPS, BE, FR, RW, BY, CG
SUBJECT: NO DECISION YET ON BELGIAN LOGISTICAL AID
TO FRENCH INTERVENTION IN RWANDA.

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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT

2. IN SPITE OF RECENT PRESS REPORTS INDICATING THAT
BELGIUM HAS DECIDED TO PROVIDE A MILITARY HOSPITAL TEAM TO
SUPPORT OPERATION TURQUOISE, THE FRENCH INITIATIVE IN
RWANDA, BELGIAN MFA DESK OFFICER FOR CENTRAL AFRICAN
AFFAIRS, BAUDOUIN FONTAINE, TOLD POLOFF ON 6/28 THAT NO/NO
DECISION HAD BEEN MADE. BELGIUM WOULD DEFINITELY PROVIDE
SOME TYPE OF SUPPORT. FONTAINE SAID MOD DELCROIX AND
FONMIN CLAES DISAGREED OVER THE EXTENT OF THE AID,

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HOWEVER. DELCROIX DID NOT OBJECT, IN PRINCIPLE, TO HAVING BELGIAN MEDICAL OFFICERS ACCOMPANY THE FIELD HOSPITAL WHILE FONMIN CLAES APPEARED TO OPPOSE SENDING ANY BELGIANS BACK TO RWANDA.

3. FONTAINE EXPLAINED THAT THE SITE OF DEPLOYMENT WAS A PROBLEM. IT WAS POSSIBLE TO STATION A MEDICAL UNIT IN EITHER ZAIRE (GOMA) OR IN RWANDA (CYANGUGU). ALTHOUGH THE FONMIN WAS UNHAPPY ABOUT USING ZAIRE AS A BASE, HE WAS TOTALLY OPPOSED TO HAVING ANY BELGIAN PERSONNEL IN RWANDA, PARTICULARLY IN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED AREAS. CYANGUGU IS UNDER CONTROL OF THE RWANDAN ARMED FORCES. THE GOB WAS, THEREFORE, STUDYING THE ISSUE. FONTAINE SAID THE GOB HAD EVEN DISCUSSED TURNING OVER THE EQUIPMENT TO THE FRENCH AND LETTING THEM STAFF IT WITH THEIR OWN PERSONNEL. ACCORDING TO FONTAINE, A DECISION WILL PROBABLY BE MADE AT THE JULY 1 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING, WHERE MINISTERS WOULD THRASH OUT BOTH THE QUESTION OF DEPLOYMENT AND THE PROVISION OF BELGIAN PERSONNEL.

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4. BUJUMBURA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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